

National Identity Card scheme

1937. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to the Unstarred Question 814 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd March, 1999 and state:

(a) whether computer readable National Identity Cards are being issued and inventory of citizens/non-citizens prepared;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether the proposal has already been dropped or it has been decided to go slow; and

(d) the factual position and targeted action plan for its implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (d) A detailed feasibility study in respect of scheme of Identity Cards has been conducted by a professional consultancy firm who have submitted their report to the Government recently. No final decision regarding the implementation of the proposal has been taken as yet by the Government.

Suicide by Constables of Delhi Police

†1938. PROF. RAM GOPAL YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for increasing incidents of committing suicide by the constables of Delhi Police and the circumstances responsible therefor;

(b) whether Government have made any efforts to probe the matter and taken any effective steps to check this tendency of committing suicide;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

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(d) what would be the impact of such incidents on the functioning of the Police?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) The number of such incidents reported during 1999 was 8 as against 10 in the preceding year. The main reason for such suicides has been the family discord faced by the police personnel concerned.

(b) to (d) The Commissioner of Police, Delhi has issued specific instructions to ensure that such incidents are meticulously investigated so as to take corrective measures to prevent their recurrence. These instructions also stipulate that the senior police officers should not only give adequate attention to the family problems faced by their staff but also create such a work environment that their subordinates come forward to share their problems so that they could be suitably addressed.

Meeting of National Integration Council on autonomy to J and K

†1939. **PROF. RAM GOPAL YADAV:** Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the autonomy proposal was passed in the Legislative Assembly of Jammu and Kashmir with the concurrence of the Prime Minister and the Minister of Home Affairs;

(b) if not, whether Government would like to call the meeting of National Integration Council to hold comprehensive discussion on this subject;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) No, sir.

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